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GENERAL NEWS.

(BY TELEGRAPH TO THE OREGONIAN)

A Business Scheme

St. Louis, Feb 14.—At an adjourned meeting at the Lindell hotel to night it was decided to organize a company with a capital stock of $50 000 and establish a commission agency at the City of Mexico for the transaction of legitimate business by same to buy and sell for others mines minerals etc and do such other business as promised a profitable result. A committee was appointed to perfect the enterprise into working shape as speedily as possible

Trades Strike.

Boss founders and finishers of this city are on a strike, and cabinet makers will go out on Monday for an advance of 10 per cent on wages.

A new way of Looking at "Margin Dealing"

Macon, Feb. 14.—Judge Pierce of the circuit court to day in the case of Gilbert Brage & Co. of Chicago, versus Sidney Cook & Bro. of Macon, for additional margin on a wheat contract, decided that dealing in the future was gambling and a subject for the grand jury to act upon.

Robbed and Burned

John L. Robertson's drug store at Sabula Illinois, was burglar zed yesterday of $2000 in money and then burned. Loss by fire, $10,000.

A Restless Meeting.

The general passenger agents of western roads and the Grand Pacific Hotel had a rather restless meeting to-day

Disastrous Fire

Bellenberger, Bloom & Co.'s furniture ware house, was partially burned to-night. Loss on building, $20 000; insurance, $22 000 loss on stock, $12,000 to $15,000, damage large y by water.

A Wretch Caught.

Kansas City, Feb. 15—For the past two years the Missouri, Kansas and Texas road has been annoyed by thieves who have been fired at just after dark near the Indian territory. Cab windows have been smashed, cabooses perforated and engineers wounded. The United States marshal caught a white man named Myers, in the act of firing on a train, and so deeper did Myers' would-be arrest that the cowboy shot him dead. Myers' death before he succumbed

An Heavenly Youth.

Paris, Feb. 15.—Stephen Longfellow, the poet, has jumped his bail for South America

Steamboat Disaster

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 14.—The steamboat Golden, ran into the bridge at Helena last night. It is thought the boat is total loss.

Train Wrecked.

Toronto, Feb. 14—Two heavy freight trains on Canada Southern railroad collided near Tilsonburg were thrown from the track. Loss to be laid to the charge for passenger trains. The wreck has disappeared.

The Paper War.

Boston, Feb. 14—The *Times* says the ways and means committee have decided neither the Fort nor Buckingham bills for a reduction of duty on paper, but submitted to the full committee the question of the repeal of the duty on steel rails, the whole matter being left for hearing arguments for and against the tariff question, on steel rails, the bill for refunding measures, that other matters referred to had not even been thought of, probably the members opposed to a reduction of the tariff will object to taking up the Buckner bills, and if so, the whole matter will be indefinitely postponed. The *Times* says he will endeavor to have his bill for the repeal of the duty on steel rails taken up Monday, under a suspension of the rules.

As yet manufacturers of paper have not appeared in antagonism to the paper bills, but it is understood, however, that strong opposition may be expected.

A Little Passenger War.

Chicago, Feb 14—The *Inter-Ocean* says that the outcome of the pending difficulties mentioned in these dispatches, between railroads out of Chicago on one side and points in Colorado, which has been at the travel from the east via Chicago that otherwise have gone by way of St. Louis, and this makes St. Louis officials very glad to have peace brought about. It is also said that the Rock Island, and the Wabash does not think it can afford to stand quietly by and see its business taken away from it by the Fort Wayne. The Fort Wayne and Wabash is a "ticket deal," the Fort Wayne being in whatever affects the Wabash, means that there is every chance of a lively time before tickets would be sold ways and all over the country yesterday to adjust matters so that they will have another meeting to-day.

Reduction of cheap tickets to points in Colorado and New Mexico took place yesterday. Every precaution has been taken to prevent it, but scalpers have secured large numbers and when discovered by the company they are promptly discharged. The company is now doing business by selling at all points at a slight reduction and thus have the advantage over companies in making

The Cable "Code Rates" Nuisance

New York, Feb. 14.—The produce exchange to-day took action on the trade has been considering the cable rates question regarding code messages and submitted an exhaustive report, which was adopted. It concludes with the following resolutions: That the New York produce exchange condemns the arbitrary, and oppressive action of the European governments and private companies having control of the cable connections in establishing new and unnecessary rules for the transmission of code correspondence, thereby increasing greatly the hardship and expense to the commercial community, and that this exchange also condemns the Anglo American Telegraph company for their ready acquiescence in their new rules whereby the most injury has been aggravated

Death of the New Hampshire Fiend

Concord, Feb. 15.—Frank Dillingham, the murderer, died this forenoon from the effects of a pistol shot wound in the head inflicted by himself immediately after killing his friend.

Guilty as Charged

New Orleans, Feb. 14.—The jury has brought in a verdict of guilty in the case of Edward O Palmer, charged with having as president of the Louisiana Savings Bank and Trust Deposit Co, embezzled its funds

Murder and Suicide

Syracuse, Feb 15.—Amelia Montz shot her cousin, Julius Monis, dead on Saturday night and killed herself with a second shot from the pistol. They had been living together for two years under promise of marriage. Letters from another woman found on the man indicate the cause to have been jealousy

Robbery by Women

New York, Feb 15.—Thomas B Phillips a retired merchant, aged 60 was garroted and robbed on Thompson street last night by three colored women who were arrested

Asphyxiated

Baltimore, Feb 15.—Three men Charles M Smith, R. A. McCauley Jr and a colored man named Isaac Jones, were suffocated yesterday on a night soil barge at Spring gardens beyond the southern suburbs of the city

The Great Storm

Cincinnati, Feb 13.—It has rained almost incessantly since yesterday evening part of the time heavily The Ohio river is rising rapidly along its whole length Snow melted by warm rain at the headwaters of the Ohio will cause an unusual rise there and high water may be expected in a very short time Rainfall from the time of beginning, yesterday to 10.30 to-night is reported by the signal service observer to be 2 inches

Nashville Feb 15—The principal losses sustained by the storm of last night were by the Edgefield and Nashville Manufacturing Co., $30,000; custom house $10 000 First Colored Baptist Church $5 000 St Paul's $2 000. The entire losses are estimated at $70 000.

Death of Mrs. Tweed

New York, Feb 15.—Mrs Tweed widow of the late Wm M Tweed died to-day at Paris.

THE BLAINE PROGRAMME.

ORGANIZATION OF A NATIONAL BLAINE CLUB AT WASHINGTON

It is Proposed to Develope the Existing Sentiment in his Favor and to show the Power of the Anti-Third Term Movement

A Significant Hint from Don Cameron

(SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE OREGONIAN)

Washington Feb 15—A large number of prominent gentlemen met in this city last night and organized a National Blaine Club with Congressman Hiram Price of Iowa as president of the organization and a long list of vice presidents, including the names of Senator Booth of California Senator Blair of New Hampshire General E A Hurlbut of Illinois Governor McCormick of Arizona Delegate Brents of Washington territory James E Wilson of Iowa Wm E Chandler of New Hampshire Jeremiah M Wilson of Indiana J W Bartlett of Massachusetts Congressman Williams Wisconsin Mitchell of Pennsylvania Richard Crowley of New York Browne of Indiana Haskell of Kansas and a number of others Addresses were made by Congressmen Calkins of Indiana Reed of Maine Price of Iowa Williams of Wisconsin and by Col Brown of Kentucky strongly advocating Blaine's nomination for the presidency and with equal earnestness condemning the Grant third term project The headquarters of the club were established in Washington to remain open until after the meeting of the national convention The organization of this club has been haste ned by the recent positive announcement put forth by close personal and political friends of General Grant that should the republican convention nominate him in the same manner as any other candidate would be nominated, he would deem it his duty to the country and party to accept The meeting last night was also intended to initiate a general movement on the part of Blaine's supporters throughout the country having for its object the development and manifestation of such an amount of opposition to Grant's nomination as may deter the third term managers from presenting Grant's name to the convention It is proposed, if the event of Grant's friends securing control of the New York and Illinois delegations, to call a convention of all anti Grant republicans to meet in May, a few weeks in advance of the Chicago convention, and then make such a demonstration as will compel the Grant managers to withdraw from the contest or else risk certain defeat by defections from republican ranks in the presidential election This purpose has been strengthened by a knowledge of several significant declarations made by Don Cameron to some of his friends within the past few days, He says that his purpose is to support that candidate, whoever he may be whose chances of election seem best and that if Grant's chances seem to be managing his case become convinced before the convention proceeds to business that he can be nominated on the first ballot his name will not be brought before the convention at all Further than this, unless his friends still feel sure when the convention meets that he can be elected if nominated, his name will not be presented.

THE SHERMAN BOOM.

Organization of a Sherman Club in New York.

New York Feb 14—The John Sherman Club" was organized to night by merchants with Samuel A Hawes president The resolutions declare that he has maintained the public faith and lifted high the standard of national honor He knows the resources of the country and its needs With him as president we know that the whole influence and power of the executive office would be wielded to enforce the law, to maintain liberty and the rights of all men white or black throughout the length and breadth of the land, to maintain resumption to embody into law sound financial and economic measures, to nurture and increase our manufactures and our commerce and build on the rock of solid finance all business interests of the country We therefore advocate his nomination for president of the United States

Sherman Meeting at Columbus, Ohio.

Columbus, Feb. 15 —About 800 citizens attended he Sherman meeting held in city hall last night. Gov Foster presided In taking the chair the governor said that John Sherman ought to be the next candidate of the republican party for president, that the great and fundamental principles of the republican party should be firmly established, that a sound system of finance should be maintained in accordance with national supremacy The name of Sherman possesses more elements of success than that of any other candidate His success in refunding the public debt has never been equalled in the country Gov Foster entertained the kindliest feelings toward Gen Grant and Senator Conkling, and referred briefly to their respective qualifications, and said that he believed that the unwritten law against a third term should not be violated

FIRE AT CHICAGO.

A Warehouse Filled with Valuable Merchandise Burned to the Ground—List of the Losers

Chicago Feb. 15 —A fire in the Empire warehouse was discovered at about midnight last night, and gained considerable headway before the first engine was on the ground It spread so rapidly among the inflammable material inside that the engines were power less to do more than prevent its breaking through the doors into the bonded warehouse adjoining and which was protected by a fire wall Even this task was rendered extremely difficult by the intensity of the heat, and up to 2 o'clock it was doubtful whether the bonded section would be saved Shortly after that hour however, the firemen prevailed, and at 3 o clock had the fire practically under control It continued to burn however until daylight and has been smouldering all day. A revised list of losses is given below, all of them occurring in the free warehouse which was worth $50 000 its machinery was valued at $15 000 This building was owned by Wadsworth & Dickinson, and occupied by Wallace Kingman & Co seed merchants, and by the Empire Warehousing Co Wallace Kingman & Co had in store about $162,189 worth of seed mostly timothy Of this the owners were Robt Colgate & Co of New York $15 000 McGowan Bros of Steubenville $4000 Conklin & Keeler of Binghamton N Y, $40 000 Various Chicago firms owned the rest Chapin & Gore had $80 barrels of different brands of choice whiskies stored They put their loss at $1 000 to $1 500 000 E P Howell & Co flour $5 000 Foster, Lee & Co flour and seeds $10 000 Sprague Warner & Co dried fruits $10 000 O F Gibbs & Co seeds $4000 Phenix Distilling Comp ny $13 000 The goods stored in the bonded house were no injured in the least

The origin of the fire is a complete mystery The total value of property at risk by the fire is placed at $472 000 Insurance $1 1 000 salvage $50 000 to $60 000

INDIAN WAR IN ARIZONA

A Column under Capt Rucker Defeated and Beaten from the Field

Tucson Feb 15—On the 8th instant Capt Rucker of the 8th cavalry commanding, one of the columns pursuing hostile Indians started following them two days with his entire command in the direction of San Andreas came suddenly upon them strongly fortified in a narrow and rough canyon The troops were met by a heavy fire on their whole several lines and men fell Capt Rucker the battle soon was unable to control his men and ordered a retreat which was executed in good order Lieut Gordon with his company and were secured by the Indians Gen Batch leaves Santa Fe to day to look after Indian affairs in southern New Mexico First Lieut Gordon with Company D cavalry numbering 90 men from Fort Bowie Arizona will reach Fort Bayard to day and will act under the personal orders of Gen Hatch Two companies of the 9th cavalry numbering 140 men left Santa Fe yesterday for Southern New Mexico

LABOR MOVEMENT AT DENVER

All Mechanical Trades Represented in General Protective Measures

Brick Pomeroy on Hand and Taking a Leading Part Etc, Etc.

(SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE OREGONIAN)

Denver Col Feb 14 Denver at present is undergoing the first labor agitation of its kind on record as the agitation is general the feeling manifest among laboring men and others is quite intense The laboring classes have for several months past been gradually forming unions, until 21 organizations of the kind have been perfected They comprise printers carpenters plumbers brick masons stone masons painters plasterers horse shoers saddlers cigar makers molders barbers waiters cooks blacksmiths cabinet makers locomotive engineers and firemen These unions met in a mass convention last night and took steps to organize a trades assembly which it is claimed will constitute a voting strength of 1000 and a financial patronage of $12 000 It is believed by the leaders of the movement that the combination of the working classes bids fair to play a strong part in the politics of Denver and the entire state The steps taken to night in consolidating these different trades is caused mainly by the recent action by two of the newspapers in reducing the price of composition During December the local typographical union advanced its schedule of prices from 40 to 45 cents per 1000 for night work and made a corresponding advance in all the branches of the trade The advance was accepted at the time though with poor grace by the proprietors some two weeks ago the *Evening Times* demanded a reduction on the part of its workmen to the old price This they declined to make and the office was filled with non union men Early this week he *Rocky Mountain News* duplicated the *Times* demand which was at first rejected, then accepted and again rejected the result being that the *News* was filled with printers not members of the union The meeting to-night was enthusiastic though orderly and was attended by 1000 people It was addressed by several persons, including Brick Pomeroy Among other schemes which the workmen have on foot is that of starting an afternoon paper with Pomeroy at the helm

OUR NEIGHBOR ON THE SOUTH

Progress of the Revolution—Mormon Elder Thatcher's Mission Almost a Failure—The Presidential Situation, Etc., Etc.

(SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE OREGONIAN)

San Francisco, Feb 15—Advices from Mazatlan by the steamer *Colima* are to the effect that the revolution is at an end there, and that the gunboats had started for Lapaz with custom house officials etc Also that Marquez had left only 25 men at Lapaz A dispatch just received from the General at San Geronimo Marquez is now at the boundary line of the Juana valley with 50 well equipped troops He states that a special courier from Lapaz brought him intelligence a San Rafael just before he left for the boundary, that his party had obtained possession of both the federal gunboats, *Democrata* and *Morelos* and he retaked Mazatlan The authority of Marquez is completely established throughout the peninsula of Lower California He will keep sufficient military force under arms till the presidential election is over

City of Mexico Feb 4—Mormon Elder Thatcher has returned to the United States somewhat disappointed at his mission The Mexican government will protect the Mormons in their worship but not in polygamy

Zamacona presidential stock improving notwithstanding that he has declined to be a candidate The *Monitor* and *Siglo* support him A large element hope that political complications will compel Diaz to be elected

A national accusation is in circulation against General Gonzalez the leading candidate for president and at present commanding the largest forces of government troops in the republic He is charged with an intention to separate the states of Sonora Chihuahua Coluna Jaliseo and Mechoacan from the Mexican union and erect a confederacy to be called the republic of Siocia Madre

PARNELL AND HIS MISSION.

The N Y Herald and Mr. Parnell.

New York Feb 13—The *Herald* names as a committee to distribute its Irish relief fund Col King Harmon M P Mr Shaw, M P, Prof Baldwin, Cardinal McCloskey and Mr Parnell The cardinal at first declined to serve but his name was re-inserted Mr Parnell on and now consents Parnell also declined, but the *Herald* hopes that he will reconsider his decision, and repeats its request that he will act as one of the committee, notwithstanding his strange course toward the paper. An editorial upon the subject in this morning's *Herald* concludes "If Mr Parnell has personal feelings toward Gen Grant and Senator Conkling, and referred briefly to their respective qualifications, and said that he believed that the unwritten law against a third term should not be violated

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

A Claim Commission to "Sit" on the French War Claims

London Feb 14—It is substance of a treaty between the United States and France signed at Washington on the 15th of January for the settlement of claims of French citizens resulting from the war of secession have been published here The treaty provides that a commission of three members—one appointed by France one by the United States and a third by the emperor of Brazil—shall meet six months after the exchange of ratifications to adjudicate definitely on the claims of French subjects and of any counter claims of American citizens who may have paid duties under like circumstances The treaty applies solely to the demand for indemnity originating from acts of injury committed with the connivance of the federal authorities of the United States government have no authority to receive petitions from any but French subjects Every claim must be presented within a year from the exchange of ratifications The commission will probably take place in Washington and would be highly beneficial to Spain

Austrian Affairs.

Vienna Feb 15—Sessions of the Austrian and Hungarian delegations closed to day Baron Von Haymerle conveyed the thanks of the emperor to the delegations Prest lent Schmerling replying in the Austrian delegation said that the increase of armies in several European states imperiled the welfare of the people He hoped that Austria would not follow the example Herr Haynau in the Hungarian delegation declined confidence in the maintenance of peace

Made Rome Howl as It Were

Rome Feb 15—Garibaldi arrived at Naples on the 14th yesterday and had a magnificent reception Salutes were fired and the shipping and city were gaily decorated with flags

DESERT AND WASTE LANDS

A BILL TO RENDER THEM PRODUCTIVE AND HABITABLE

Proposition to Bore Artesian Wells on the Plains Adjacent to the Rocky Mountains

A STRONG LETTER TO THE GOVERNMENT

(SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE OREGONIAN)

Washington Feb 15—Senator Hill of Colorado has been instructed to submit to the senate in behalf of the public lands committee a very interesting report which he has prepared in a survey of the passage of the Desert Land act to the reclamation and public lands by means of artesian wells The report is based upon the idea that 500 000 000 acres of land now embraced in the arid region of the United States and that 1 per cent of this territory has been sold by the United States and that it does not seem likely for years to come unless some measure can be found to supply it with water after deducting from this aggregate the number of acres of land susceptible of cultivation by ditches and other methods as to be unfit for agriculture even if water were supplied to them because of their being broken and mountainous, duration of land covered with lava, deposits of cobbles, sandy and gravelly soil part of which valuable crops could be raised if water were supplied for irrigation The report continues that thousand acres have already been reclaimed by utilizing the waters of rivers and streams and spreading them over the land during the period of the growth of the crops but owing to the limited supply of water which can be used in this manner from these sources under the most favorable conditions probably not more than three per cent of the 500 000 000 acres can be reclaimed thus leaving 485 000 000 acres are not, it is true entirely valueless They are now and will be hereafter used until more for pasturage lands but they can never to any great extent be sold for this purpose The growth of grass is so scanty that it requires from 15 to 25 acres for the support of each head of cattle Many thousand cattle are annually driven from 50 to 100 miles from living water and are thus inaccessible even for pasturage. But little will ever be realized by the government from the sale of these lands and it is demonstrated that water can be supplied by artesian wells. In the state of Colorado alone, on the great plains east of the Rocky mountains, are 40 000 000 acres of land Much of it will produce if irrigated 25 to 30 bushels of wheat per acre. It is in view of the fact which have been given that congress will be asked to appropriate $50 000 for boring artesian wells Private enterprise will not undertake the work which is of an experimental character, as but land is allowed by the government But it is estimated that water can be supplied in this way and certain wells will purchase the land of the government and wells will be bored by individuals and companies until in time every tracts of land will thereby be reclaimed should it be found that artesian well water can be made available these lands will, on being the most barren on the continent will become most attractive to farmers Their crops would not be subject to the vicissitudes of rainfall and drought the chances of failure of crops would be greatly diminished, and the interest in agricultural pursuits in that section would be immensely stimulated. Although these lands are as unproductive as much of the land which has been granted to other states under swamp land acts, no grant has been made to the states where the arid lands are situated, to aid in their reclamation and this bill would not there would have been no occasion for an appropriation for the purpose of boring artesian wells Should the bill become a law the territories of the arid region would themselves have made thorough explorations for water

Senator Hill then gives some statistics as to the cost of boring these wells and reads a letter from one of the most geologists in the country in which he expressed the opinion that artesian wells can be obtained in many portions of the Rocky mountains He refers to official statements of the secretary of the interior that the report that the homestead and preemption laws are not being used to any extent in the arid region would themselves have made thorough explorations for water

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TAXING FOREIGN MORTGAGES.

The following are extracts from an article in the *Bankers Magazine* for January. This is a New York publication and a recognized authority on financial matters in the United States As they touch a subject recently referred to here, the extracts we make will doubtless be of interest to many

A prospectus has been issued in London of the "American Freehold Land Mortgage Company" The first issue is to be 50 000 shares of £20 each so as to create a capital of £1,000 000 or $4 000 000. The number of shares is to be increased hereafter to 50 000

Many similar companies have been heretofore organized in Great Britain and have made and are still making large profits The Scottish-American Investment company and the Scottish-American Mortgage company, both established in 1874, have declared 10 per cent dividends besides accumulating reserves equal to one case to 17½ per cent and in the other case to 50 per cent of the paid up capital The Dundee, Oregon and Washington Trust company pays 10 per cent dividend and is accumulating large reserves and there are other British companies operating profitably in the field of loans upon landed property in the United States

The American Freehold Land Mortgage Co proposes to do the very same business in the western states and of limiting their advances to 40 per cent of the cash value of the property as appraised by the bidding. Its home office is to be in London, but the number of persons wishing to borrow on American lands is large and so long as their desire to borrow is easier and urgent, there is nothing to prevent the formation that business of a good deal of British capital So far as such flow reduces the rates of interest on such loans it is in some respects not to be deprecated We confess, nevertheless to a feeling of reluctance in contemplating the possibility that the freehold property of the United States may be covered with mortgages to British capitalists to the amount of hundreds of millions of dollars At any rate such a result ought not to be facilitated and rendered more probable by giving to foreign lenders an advantage over home lenders in respect to taxation It may be unhospitable to forbid British French or German capitalists coming here to lend money on our real estate but it is not unreasonable that such hospitality to give them any advantage over our own citizens in the matter of taxation nor is it wise to permit for eigners to employ their funds here under the protection of our laws and exempt them from income taxes or any other form of taxes imposed upon Americans

It is certainly proper that if foreign loan companies plant themselves in the country or establish agencies for the purpose of taking mortgages on American lands the duty shall be made to contribute as much in the way of taxation for all purposes as American mortgagees are compelled to pay where the circumstances are the same

The exemption of United States bonds from state and municipal taxation has always been a favorite policy of the financial world A view to the reclamation of these deserts He calls attention to the inequitance of the amount of the appropriation proposed in comparison with the magnificent results expected and in conclusion takes ground that the bill under consideration is an experiment in the right direction, and should receive the early sanction of congress.

Tilden and Pamunay

Albany Feb 14—The Albany Journal says that the Tilden state committee means to fight Pamunay from any source, and the Pamunay interests have to cope or part in the state Democracy is less united than it was a year ago and will probably not be very much united next year for want of the coming contest

Prices at Dayton Eggs per dozen, 20 cents butter per lb 25 cents per 2 20 to 2 50 potatoes 100 lbs to 80 onions per lb 2c wheat per bushel 1 barley per cwt 90 to 95 oats per cwt 90 to 1

On account of the late rise in the price of paper the Chehalis *Journal* has raised the price of subscription per year to $10

THE PACIFIC COAST.

CALIFORNIA

Still on the Rounds

San Francisco Feb 14—Unemployed workingmen last night marched to the Mail dock and the committee interviewed Agent Williams from whom they received no direct satisfaction They then called on several firms and companies but received no definite answer to their demands

Ore in Sight

Virginia Feb 15—Reports from 30 to 50 feet of milling ore in the several cuts of the 2300 foot level of the Sierra Nevada and 80 feet north of the main winze and from the 2400 foot level is still in ore

A Strict Measure against the Chinese

Sacramento Feb 15—In the senate to-day a bill to confer power upon the corporated towns and cities to remove Chinese without the limits of such towns or to provide for their location within prescribed limits was called up and passed to its third reading and engrossment without further debate

Novel Method of Suicide

Martin A Heavy a native of New York aged 45 committed suicide at the Lindell Hotel last night by closing the windows and stuffing a handkerchief in the keyhole of the door to his room and turning on the gas He left a note showing death to be the result of deliberate intent, but assigning no cause

A Plan for Aid.

The Irish societies proposed to celebrate St Patrick's day in the usual manner to-day decided to charge admission to the literary exercises, the proceeds to be remitted to the Irish Land League committee for the benefit of suff-rers

WASHINGTON TERRITORY

Port Townsend Items—A Wreck

Port Townsend Feb 14—The steamer *California* is still overdue

The barkentine *Lepa a R Burnham* for Borrard Inlet had to put in here for shelter this morning being unable to reach the Royal Roads

A heavy wind came yesterday from the southeast changing to strong northwest this morning

The schooner *Lenora* lumber laden had to put back here twice owing to high wind and heavy swell in the straits

The schooner *Page*, which recently had to be run ashore near this place, could not be towed off and is now being stripped of her rigging

Puget Sound Loggers to be Employed on McMicken's Timber Contract.

Olympia, Feb 15—General McMicken who has a large contract for furnishing timbers and ties for the Pend d Oreille division of the Northern Pacific railroad, has contracted with twenty men who are first class loggers and over fifty Indians from these men to come for east of the mountains The wages paid are from $3 to $5 per day The general himself will start in a few days for the scene of operations

A New Industry.

Olympia will soon have in operation a tannery and glove factory giving constant employment to twenty or twenty-five men.

NEWS FROM THE NORTH.

Severe Weather at Victoria—Fifty Thousand Cattle in Danger of Starvation.

(SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE OREGONIAN)

Victoria, Feb 15—The steamship *City of Chester* arrived last evening Her reports from Fraser mouth weather during the entire passage This weather has again turned blustery and cold

During a severe blow on Friday night, the steamship company's sheds at Esquimalt were leveled

Nicolai Valley

Albert Anderson, a young San Franciscan who went to Nicolai valley in November for his health, died there on the 21st of January

Advices received here from Nicolai valley, dated the 30th ult state that the weather continues very severe and cattle are dying off rapidly A short time previous to the date of our information, a thaw accompanied by rain set in but it was only of short duration, being followed by frost and a snow storm which lasted for three consecutive days As a rule the supply of feed is altogether inadequate to the requirements of stock owners, and it is feared that the loss of cattle will be very heavy A rough estimate places the number of cattle in the valley at 8000 Beak has over 2000 head on the Upper Nicolai about three miles from Douglas lake, and is almost without feed Guichon has at least 2000 head, but is better off than his neighbors as regards fodder. Palmer has 700 head of sheep and will doubtless suffer severely It is reported that the condition of affairs at Kamloops is even worse than at Nicolai The *Colonist* estimates the number of head of cattle in peril at 50 000 and says if the worst fears are confirmed the province must draw largely for meat on Oregon & California for at least three years to come

Real Estate at Victoria.

Alhambra Hall has been purchased for a market at a heavy advance on last years price. A great many new buildings are projected and some are already under way The outlook consequent on railway construction is very promising

THE NORTHWEST.

Eastern Oregon.

The *Inland Empire* thinks that Wasco county will show up a population of 7000

An Irish relief ball was given at the Dalles last week, resulting in a clean up of over $300

A Clear Creek correspondent states although it is mid winter people are coming in every few days and locating land the most of them coming with a few hundred dollars good teams and outfits for farming To such, coming in for permanent stay we give a hearty welcome

Dalles *Inland Empire* The mortality among cattle in that county is less than one third of what it was last year at this season During the past week we have met parties from John Day valley Antelope and Bridge creek and we got the same information from all of them Nevertheless cattle are ten per cent poorer in flesh than a year ago, and drovers are making no demand for steers, on account of their being unable to stand any hard drives But if no heavy snow storms intervene between the present date and the last of March no serious losses will be sustained and the graziers will have no good cause to remember the coldest winter since 1861 John Polley is now bringing in droves of large cattle from Yakima that is the best of the season

Western Oregon.

R Mulholland druggist of Junction City has failed

Rev Mr Dyer was struck by a falling ladder near Eugene a few days ago and sustained a painful hurt

Prices at Monmouth Wheat per bushel $1 08 flour per barrel $5 50 oats per bushel $1 (0@1 10 potatoes per pound 2c onions per pound 2c butter per pound 25@30 eggs per dozen 20c chickens per dozen $3 25@3 50

Independence *Records* In traversing through the county one sees on every side the farmer busy at his plow turning up the rich black soil preparing to sow other large fields of wheat oats or barley Every field which affords the best corn grain or seed can be purchased at reasonable rates and will produce a handsome profit when cultivated in the manner

Southern Oregon

An effort is being made by the merchants and shippers of Coos Bay to have a board of local inspectors of hulls and boilers established at that port and to that end are circulating petitions which will be forwarded to congress The establishment of a board at Coos bay will meet with the approval of the board in this city who will be spared many long unpleasant trips

CONGRESSIONAL.

House

Washington Feb 14

The House met for private only and was addressed by Bright from the public lobby He asked to be relieved of a disability which had for several years deprived him of the capacity of walking except with crutches and a cane He was bound on bottom

Ely introduced a bill to prohibit counterfeiting It was referred and probably involves an expenditure of from $5 000 000 instead of $1 000 000 as estimated by the secretary of the treasury

Hayes discussed the many phases of the financial question and said he hoped, for one, he was not afraid to say he would cease all attempts to change the present The people wanted no more changes in the currency

Gibson introduced a joint resolution to reciprocity treaty between the United States and Mexico

Morrison introduced a bill introduced some time ago by him for the retirement of national bank currency

NEWS NOTES FROM THE SOUND.

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE OREGONIAN)

Seattle Feb 14

Seattle has seven churches and well supported

There are now 83 inmates of the territorial insane asylum—16 females and 67 males

Twenty five miners left here on the outgoing steamer this morning for the Skagit

Capt Budd Smith is now working up the proposed Yakima wagon toll road scheme

The remains of bateaux are being constructed by the mechanics for the Skagit river

A force of fifteen men are now employed getting up the machinery for the North Seattle sawmill in Belltown The establishment it is expected will be in active operation by the 1st of March

The American Hotel destroyed by the fire of last summer is to be rebuilt again The new structure will be two and one-half stories high and 44x60 in size It will be opened by Wiggins & Son

The large amount of underbrush limbs and small timber prostrated by the recent heavy snows throughout the forests of Puget Sound will likely result in many destructive forest fires next season

As a gas coal the product of the Skagit mines has proved a failure, for although producing a fair quality of gas it won't coke, and hence can never compete with the bituminous coals of British Columbia.

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GENERAL NEWS.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE OREGONIAN.]

A Business Scheme

St. Louis, Feb 14—At an adjourned meeting at the Lindell hotel to-night it was decided to organize a company with a capital stock of $50,000 and establish a commercial agency of the City of Mexico for the transaction of legitimate business by sample and for sale for others mines minerals etc. and do such other business as promised a profitable result. A committee was appointed to effect an organization of the company and get the enterprise into working shape as speedily as possible

Trades Strike.

The founders and finishers of this city struck, and cabinet makers will strike on Monday for an advance of 50 per cent, on wages.

A new way of Looking at "Margin Dealing"

Chicago, Feb. 14.—Judge Pierce of the circuit court to-day in the case of Gilbert & Co. of Chicago, versus Sidney C. Ex-parte application for additional margin in a wheat speculation, decided that dealing in the future was gambling and a subject for the grand jury.

Robbed and Burned

Mr. L. Robertson's drug store at Sycamore, Illinois, was burglarized yesterday of money and then burned. Loss $5,000.

A Rebellious Meeting

The passenger agents of western roads of the Grand Pacific Hotel had a rather rebellious meeting to-day

Disastrous Fire.

Chicago, Feb. 14.—Bloom & Co's furniture warerooms were partially burned to-night. Loss $80,000, insurance $22 000 to $13,000 to $15,000, damage large y

A Wretch Caught.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—For the past two years Miss Maggie Maconi, Kansas and Texas have been fired at just after dark, near their residence in this territory. Cab windows have been perforated and on the streets the United States mail carrier was fired at by a white man named Mathis. Several days ago a deputy sheriff and posse arrested that dyers shot and killed him before he succumbed

Another Youth.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Stephen Longfellow, a youth of 17, has jumped his bail for $5,000 and fled for South America.

Steamboat Disaster.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 14.—The steamboat Kate Adams ran into the bridge at Helena last night. It is thought she will be a total wreck.

Train Wrecked.

Pittsburg, Feb. 14.—Two heavy freight trains on the Southern railroad collided near Greensburg this morning. Both engines and a number of cars were wrecked. Loss $20,000. No one hurt.

Ways and Means.

Washington, Feb. 14.—The Texas says that the ways and means committee will not report either the Fort nor Buckner bills, and if so the chances of the appropriation bill will be seriously jeopardized. The latter will endeavor to have his bill reported Monday, under a suspension of the rules.

Strike in Sympathy.

The paper manufacturers of paper have been in antagonism to the paper bills, and threatened, however, that strong opposition may be expected

Little Passenger War.

Chicago, Feb. 14.—The *Inter-Ocean* says that the outcome of the pending difficulties among the passenger agents of the railroads centered in Chicago in ticket cutting in Colorado, which has been a favorite travel from the east via Chicago that of late years have gone by way of St. Louis. This makes St. Louis officials very much peace brought about. It also makes the Wabash line, and this will be followed by the Rock Island to stand quietly by for a time. It is probable, that it affects the Fort Wayne and Western. The Fort Wayne and Western "ticket deal," the Fort Wayne whatever affects the Wabash. Now that there is every chance of a war, why should this suffer on account of the Chicago combination and be bound to raises from the east to all points in the west, and if this is about, it would not be any time before tickets would. Agents and all over the country yesterday to adjust this matter and they will have another

Tickets to points in Colorado yesterday. Every precaution to prevent it, but scalpers never large in numbers, and when combined by the company, they can by doing business by selling at full at a slight reduction, and thus over companies in making

"Code Rules" Nuisance.

Chicago, Feb. 14.—The produce exchange trade has been considering the in regarding code messages and exhaustive report, which was concludes with the following

The New York produce exchange the arbitrary and oppressive of the commission and private cannot of our cable connection in and unnecessary rules for its the correspondence, thereby in hardship and expense on the com and that this exchange also Chicago American Telegraph company's resignation of their new rules complaint has been aggravated.

The New Hampshire Fiend.

Boston, Feb 15.—Frank Dillingham, dead this forenoon from the shot wound in the head himself immediately after killing

Guilty as Charged.

New Orleans, Feb. 14.—The jury has rendered a verdict of guilty in the case of Palmer, charged with having embezzled the Louisiana Savings Bank and Trust Co. amounting to funds.

Murder and Suicide

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Robbery by Women.

New York, Feb. 15.—Thomas F. Phillips, a merchant, aged 60, was garroted and robbed on Thompson street last night by three colored women who were arrested

Asphyxiated

Baltimore, Feb 15.—Three men Charles Smith, R. A. McCauley, Jr and a colored man named Isaac Jones, were suffocated yesterday on a night soil barge at Spring gardens on the southern suburbs of the city

The Great Storm

Cincinnati, Feb. 13.—It has rained almost steadily since yesterday evening part of the time heavily. The Ohio river is rising rapidly. A whole length Snow melted by the rain at the headwaters of the Ohio is now an unusual rise there, and high water may be expected in a very short time. It is 10.20 to-night as reported by the signal service observer to be 24 inches

Nashville Fire.

Nashville, Feb. 13.—The principal losses caused by the storm of last night were by the Cumberland and Nashville Manufacturing Co. $10,000; custom house $10 000 Firs Co. $4,000; Baptist Church, $3 000 St Pauls $20 000. The entire losses are estimated at $ 5 000.

Death of Mrs. Tweed

New York, Feb 13.—Mrs. Tweed widow of the late Wm. M. Tweed, died today at Paris.

THE BLAINE PROGRAMME.

ORGANIZATION OF A NATIONAL BLAINE CLUB AT WASHINGTON

It is Proposed to Develope the Existing Sentiment in his Favor and to Show the Power of the Anti-third Term Movement

A Significant Hint from Don Cameron

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE OREGONIAN

Washington Feb 15.—A large number of prominent gentlemen met in this city last night and organized a National Blaine Club with Congressman Hiram Price of Iowa as president of the organization and a long list of vice presidents including the names of Senator Booth of California, Senator Blair of New Hampshire General S. A. Hurlodt of Illinois Governor McCormick of Arizona Delegate Brents of Washington territory James F. Wilson of Iowa Wm E Chandler of New Hampshire Jeremiah M. Wilson of Indiana J. W. Bartlett of Massachusetts Congressman Williams of Wisconsin Mitchell of Pennsylvania Kelcham of New York Browne of Indiana Haskell of Kansas and a number of others. Addresses were made by Congressmen Calkins of Indiana Reed of Maine Price of Iowa Williams of Wisconsin and by Col Brown of Kentucky, strongly advocating Blaine's nomination for the presidency and with equal earnestness condemning the Grant third term project. The headquarters of the club were established in Washington to remain open until after the meeting of the national convention. The organization of this club has been hastened by the recent positive announcement put forth by personal and political friends of General Grant that should the republican convention nominate him in the same manner as any other candidate would be nominated he would deem it his duty to the country and party to accept. The meeting last night was also intended to initiate a general movement on the part of Blaine's supporters through out the country having for its object the development and manifestation of such an amount of opposition to Grant's nomination as may deter the third term managers from presenting Grant's name to the convention. It is proposed, in the event of Grant's friends securing control of the New York and Illinois delegations, to call a convention of all anti-Grant republicans to meet in May, a few weeks in advance of the Chicago convention, and then make such a demonstration as will compel the Grant managers to withdraw from the contest or else risk certain defeat by defections from republican ranks in the presidential election. This purpose has been strengthened by a knowledge of several significant declarations made by Don Cameron to some of his friends within the past few days. He says that his purpose is to support that candidate, whoever he may be whose chances of election seem best. As to General Grant, unless there now ranging his name become convinced before the convention proceeds to business that he can be nominated on the first ballot, his name will not be brought before the convention at all. Further than this, unless his friends still feel sure when the convention meets that he can be elected if nominated, his name will not be presented.

THE SHERMAN SOOM.

Organization of a Sherman Club in New York.

New York Feb 14.—The "John Sherman Club" was organized to night by merchants in Samuel A Hawes president The resolutions declare that he has maintained the public faith and lifted high the standard of national honor. He knows the resources of the country and its needs. With him as president we know that the whole influence and power of the executive office would be wielded to enforce the law, to maintain liberty and the rights of all men white or black, throughout the length and breadth of the land, to maintain resumption to enter into law sound financial and economic measures, to nurture and increase our manufactures and our commerce, and build on the rock of solid finance all business interests of the country We therefore advocate his nomination for president of the United States

Sherman Meeting at Columbus, Ohio.

Columbus, Feb 15—About 800 citizens attended the Sherman meeting held in city hall last night. Gov Foster presided In taking to the chair the governor said that John Sherman ought to be the next candidate of the republican party for president, that the great and fundamental principles of the republican party should be firmly established that a sound system of finance should be maintained in accordance with national supremacy in the halls of legislation and peaceful elections, and that there is every chance of success than that of any other candidate His success in refunding the public debt has never been equalled in the country. Gov Foster entertained the kindliest feelings toward Gen Grant and Senator Blaine, and referred briefly to their respective qualifications, and said that he believed that the unwritten law against a third term should not be violated

FIRE AT CHICAGO.

A Warehouse Filled with Valuable Merchandise Burned to the Ground—List of the Losers

Chicago Feb 15.—A fire in the Empire warehouse was discovered at about midnight last night and gained considerable headway before the first engine was on the ground It spread so rapidly among the inflammable material inside that the engines were powerless to do more than prevent its breaking through the doors into the bonded warehouse adjoining, and which was protected by a fire wall Even this task was rendered extremely difficult by the intensity of the heat and up to 2 o'clock it was doubtful whether the bonded section would be saved Shortly after that hour however, the firemen prevailed, and at 3 o'clock had the fire practically under control It continued to burn however until daylight and has been smouldering all day. A revised list of losses is given below, all of them occurring in the free warehouse which was worth $50 000, its machinery was valued at $15 000 This building was owned by Wadsworth & Dickinson, and occupied by Wallace, Kingman & Co as wool merchants, and by the Empire Warehousing Co Wallace Kingman & Co had in store about $152 000 worth of seed mostly timothy Of this the firm owned $65,000 worth, but were secured by warehouse receipts and insurance. The other owners were Robt Colgate & Co of New York $15 000 McGowan Bros of Brooklyn $4000 Conklin & Keeler of Binghamton N Y $40 000 Various Chicago firms owned the rest Chapin & Gore had 600 barrels of different brands of choice whiskies stored They put their loss at $125 000 D $150 000 E P Howell & Co flour $5000 Foster, Lee & Co flour and seeds $30 000 Sprague, Warner & Co dried fruits $10 000 G P Gibbs & Co seeds $8000 Pl emix Distilling Comp ny $13 000 The goods stored in the bonded house were no injured in the least

The origin of the fire is a complete mystery The to al value of property at risk by the fire is placed at $472,000 Insurance $174 000 salvage $50 000 to $60 000

INDIAN WAR IN ARIZONA

A Column under Capt Rucker Defeated and Beaten from the Field

Tucson Feb 15—On the 9th instant Capt Rucker of the 5th cavalry commanding one of the columns pursuing hostile Indians after following them two days with his entire command in the direction of San Andreas, came suddenly upon them strongly fortified in a narrow and rough canyon The troops were met by a heavy fire under which several horses and men fell The Indians then charged the troops who gave way and retreated pell mell Reinforcements were then across the river Rations and bedding were abandoned and were secured by the Indians Gen Hatch leaves Santa Fe to-day to look after Indian affairs in Southern New Mexico. Lieut Tourtellotte with Company L 5th cavalry numbering 30 men from Fort Bowie Arizona will reach Fort Bayard to day and will act under the personal orders of Gen Hatch Two companies of the 5th cavalry numbering 140 men left Santa Fe yesterday for Southern New Mexico

LABOR MOVEMENT AT DENVER

All Mechanical Trades Represented in General Protective Measures

Brick Pomeroy on Hand and Taking a Leading Part &c., &c.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE OREGONIAN.

Denver Col Feb 15—Denver is at present undergoing the first labor agitation of its history and as the agitation is general the feeling manifest among laboring men and others is quite intense The laboring classes have for several months past been gradually forming unions until 21 organizations of the kind have been perfected They comprise printers carpenters plumbers brick masons stone masons painters plasterers horse shoers saddlers cigar makers moulders barbers waiters cooks blacksmiths cabinet makers locomotive engineers and firemen These unions met in a mass convention last night and took steps to organize a trades assembly which it is intended will constitute a working strength of 4000 and a commercial patronage of $125 000 It is believed by the leaders of the movement that the consolidation of the working classes bids fair to play a strong part in the politics of Denver and the entire state The steps taken to night in consolidating these different trades is caused directly by the recent action by two of the newspapers in reducing the price of composition During December the local typographical union advanced its schedule of prices from 40 to 45 cents per 1000 for night work and made a corresponding advance in all the branches of the trade The advance was accepted at the time though with poor grace by the proprietors Some two weeks ago the *Evening Times* demanded a reduction on the part of its workmen to the old price This they declined to make and the office was filled with non union men Early this week the *Rocky Mountain News* dictated the *Times'* demand which was at first rejected then accepted and again rejected, the result being that the *News* was filled with printers not members of the union The meeting to night was enthusiastic though orderly, and was attended by 1500 people It was addressed by several persons, including Buck Pomeroy among other speakers of whom workmen have no foot in that of starting an afternoon paper with Pomeroy at the helm

OUR NEIGHBOR ON THE SOUTH

Progress of the Revolution---Mormon Elder Thatcher's Mission Almost a Failure ---The Presidential Situation, Etc., Etc.

[SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE OREGONIAN.]

San Francisco, Feb 15—Advices from Mazatlan by the steamer *Colima* are to the effect that the revolution is at an end there and that the gunboats had started for Lapaz with custom house officials etc. Also that Marquez had left only 25 men at Lapaz A dispatch just received from San Diego says that Gen Magana is now in the mountains of the Tuasan valley with 50 well equipped troops He states that a special courier from Lapaz brought him intelligence at San Rafael just before he left for the boundary, that his party had obtained possession of both the federal gunboats, *Democracia* and *Hooker*, and had taken Marquez. The anarchy of Marquez is completely established throughout the peninsula of Lower California He will keep sufficient military force under arms till the presidential election is over

City of Mexico, Feb 4—Mormon Elder Thatcher has returned to the United States somewhat disappointed in his mission The Mexican government will protect the Mormons in their worship but not in polygamy

Zamacona presidential stock improving notwithstanding that he has declined to be a candidate The *Monitor* and *Siglo* support him A large element hope that political complications will compel Diaz to hold over

A sensational accusation is in circulation against General Gonzalez the leading candidate for president and at present commanding the largest forces of government troops in the republic He is charged with an intention to separate the states of Sonora Canalos, Durango Colima Jalisco and Mechoacan from the Mexican union and erect a confederacy to be called the republic of Sloda Madre.

PARNELL AND HIS MISSION.

The N. Y. Herald and Mr. Parnell.

New York Feb 13—The *Herald* names as a committee to distribute its Irish relief fund Col King Harn on M P, Mr Shaw, M P Prof Baldwin, Cardinal McCloskey and Mr Parnell The cardinal at first declined to serve, but has since reconsidered his declination and now consents Parnell also declined but the *Herald* hopes that as he is a member of parliament and repeats its request that he will act as one of the committee, notwithstanding his strange course toward the paper An editorial upon the subject in this morning's *Herald* concludes "We offer Mr Parnell such a committee as a thanks desirable naming himself as a member of it. If he again declines the verdict of the American people will be that Parnell's object is not relief for his starving countrymen, but selfish agitation for his political and personal aggrandizement, and that he is not only an obstructionist in his own country but an obstructionist to charity here If he deliberately puts himself in this position the American people will think it about time he ends his farce We suppose all reasable Irishmen will endorse this conclusion

Parnell at Baltimore

Baltimore, Feb 14—Parnell addressed an immense audience at the academy of music to night The mayor presided and among those on the stage were Gov Hamilton and clergymen of the Methodist Episcopal and Catholic churches

Parnell to be Well Received at Chicago--Preparations for St Patrick's Day

Chicago Feb 14—Preparations are making among Irish citizens here to receive Parnell, on the 23 inst with a great demonstration Catholic bishops Spalding of Peoria Hogan of St Joseph and Hennesy of Dubuque will lecture in different divisions of the city on St Patrick's day for Irish relief The Catholic churches in the diocese of Chicago have contributed $15,000 and citizens $10 000

A Compliment to Parnell

The Wisconsin legislature has offered Parnell the use of assembly hall

WASHINGTON CITY

A Fib Out Some Where

Washington Feb 14—Speaker Randall when his attention was called this morning to the statement that he had promised to give Finley the floor on Monday next to move to suspend the rules and pass the bill to equalize bounties of soldiers and sailors who served in the late war denied in toto any such promises made by him or that he had given any encouragement that he would recognize any individual member to move the suspension of the rules in preference to a committee seeking recognition for such purpose

Blaine don't want to be Vice President.

Washington Feb 15—Blaine in an interview said that under no circumstances will he allow his name to be used as a candidate for vice president in connection with Gen Grant or anybody else He will not accept that nomination if he fails to get the first place preferring to remain in active life in the senate

Butler Shows Good Sense

General Butler is urged to allow green backers to claim his election as one of the managers of the Soldiers National Home as a member of their party Thus far he has declined to do so leaving his candidacy entirely upon his fitness for the place and not upon his political connections

Achilla's Case

New York Feb 14—A Washington special says it is probable that Achilla of Louisiana will be expelled for his connection with the alleged bogus report from the foreign relations committee If expelled it will be by votes from both sides of the house

Personal

Washington Feb 14—Senator Lamar arrived to day and will take his seat Monday He still uses a crutch

The Donnelly-Washburne Case

The sub committee of the house elections committee in the Donnelly Washburne Minnesota case has decided to make no written report but that each member should orally state his views to the full committee The friends of Donnelly will favor the majority report which favors Donnelly

Oregon and Washington Postal Changes.

Washington Feb 15—Postal changes for Idaho Lemhi last week Established Kinkaid Lemhi county Oregon Wm N Warner P M Beckler Kinkaid Lemhi county W T Chas N Sickler P M Postmasters appointed Henry M Briant Ellensburg Yakima W F Chauncey Grubb I M Tucannon Columbia county W T Frank Eastman Tumwater Thurston county W T

BY ATLANTIC CABLE

A Claims Commission to Sit on the French War Claims

London Feb 14—The substance of a treaty between the United States and France signed at Washington on the 15th of January for the settlement of claims of French citizens resulting from the war of secession have been published here The treaty provides that a commission of three members—one appointed by France one by the United States and a third by the emperor of Brazil—shall meet six months after the exchange of ratifications to arbitrate definitely on the claims of French subjects and of any counter claims of American citizens which shall include claims under like circumstances The treaty applies solely to the demand for indemnity originating from acts of injury committed with the concurrence of the federal authorities the United States government having absolutely refused to accept the responsibility for acts of the confederacy or for any loss arising from the loss of emancipation of slaves

The Irish Potato Bill.

London Feb 13—In the house of commons to night the first thirteen clauses of the seed potatoes (Ireland) bill were passed, and the house adjourned

Also other Vegetables.

London, Feb 14—When a motion was made to go in as a committee on the seed potato bill Nolan moved that it be the instruction to the committee that they have power to ex and the provisions to other seeds besides potatoes agreed to

Seed Potatoes to be Distributed in Ireland.

London Feb 15—The duchess of Marlborough, writing to the lord mayor of London acknowledging the receipt of £2000 says that the committee in order to guard against a famine in Ireland next year have purchased £10 000 worth of potatoes for distribution there

A "Drawback" Proposed for Ejected Tenants.

Shaw LeFevre liberal member of the house of commons in committee moved an amendment to the bill for the relief of the distressed in Ireland to leave out the restriction of two months as the term for which outdoor relief may be given He will also move a new clause giving tenants ejected the present year for non payment of rent the right to claim compensation for disturbance of tenure under Gladstone's land act of 1870

Inquiry into Public Loans.

Yesterday Henry Lowrey Curry James Chains and John Mullholland, conservative members from Ireland waited on the chancellor of exchequer in relation to loans from the treasury to railways and other public undertakings The chancellor promised to appoint a committee to inquire into the subject

Magistrate Fired at.

Arthur Creagh, magistrate of Carradan, County Clare was fired at three times in his own house through a window but was not shot Creagh rushed out and fired eight shots at his assailant but without effect Two arrests were made on suspicion

Local Election in England.

London, Feb 14—The election in South wark for member of parliament resulted Edward Clark (conservative) 7633 Andrew Dunn (liberal) 6839 Geo Shipton (working man representative) 799

Baroness Coutt's Donation.

Liverpool Feb 13—The London correspondent of the *Courier* says assurances is given to the that the statement that it is the intention of Baroness Burdett Coutts to devote £5,0,000 to the amelioration of distress in Ireland is true Contradictions have been made by the last London daily papers, but the fact is incontrovertible The money will be invested in the purchase of lands in the district of Connemara, to commence by way to be afterwards let to small tenants on long leases and at moderate rents A committee of Irish gentlemen interested in agriculture are associated in the scheme

Boyd Wins.

London, Feb 14—The sculling match between Boyd and Hawdon over the Tyne championship course for £200 was won by Boyd by twelve lengths Time 22.52 Boyd allowed Hawdon fourteen lengths start

The German Empire.

Berlin, Feb 13—In the lower house of the Prussia diet the remainder of the budget bills passed their second reading Prussia a matriculatory contribution to the empire is set down in the budget at 43 641 753 marks The revenue and expenditure for the financial year of 1880 81 are each estimated at 798,935, 580 marks ordinary expenditures at 700 223, 238 marks and of the extraordinary outlay at 35 701 650 marks

The North German Gazette, in an article on British politics, expresses the opinion that in the next general election in Great Britain the liberals will pay dearly for leagueing with the Irish Herr Lasker leader of the national liberals, proposes visiting the United States where he will make a prolonged stay It is reported on fair authority that a special alliance is about to be concluded between England Germany and Austria

The Vienna Ministry

Vienna Feb 14—The Austrian liberal ministers Dr Von Stremayer minister of justice Baron J Von Horst minister of national defense and Baron Von Kraft Weiden him minister of finance persist in their intention to resign Count Taaffe president has opened negotiations with Herr Lang for the ministry of finance and Conrad for minister of instruction Both however refuse to enter a reactionary cabinet

Russia Complains at England.

Brussels Feb 15—The Russian organ *Le Nord*, says the system of incitement of provocation in respect to Russia has never had such full play as now In London every thing seems done that is calculated to harass Russia and stir up public opinion against her both by covert official denunciations and by sensational telegrams the inventions of journals

Diplomatic

Berlin Feb 15—The treaty with the Hawaiian government has been presented to the federal council

A Childish Mission

Sabouroff the newly appointed Russian ambassador here has gone to St Petersburg to give an account of his reception

Vote on Amnesty

Paris Feb 14—In the session of the chamber of deputies yesterday the plenary amnesty was supported by the extreme left seventy three members of the advanced left five pure left one left centre and four Bonapartists and was opposed by the pure left and left center numbering together 189 by 47 of advanced left 1 royalists and 3 Bonapartists 3 of the advanced left 8 of the pure left 45 royalists and Bonapart ists did not vote

Spain will not Protect Morocco

Madrid Feb 14 In the chamber of deputies to day Premier Canovas Del Castello replying to an interpellation stated that the government would not receive a petition or bright by the Babyl chiefs from several thousand Moors living in the Island under Spanish protection He added that he had instructed the representatives of the powers should he have occasion on the affairs of Morocco which would probably take place in Madrid and would be highly beneficial to Spain

Austrian Affairs.

Vienna Feb 15—Sessions of the Austrian and Hungarian delegations closed to day Baron Von Haymerle conveyed the thanks of the emperor to the delegations President Schmerling replying in the Austrian delegation said that the increase of armies in several European states imperiled the welfare of the people He hoped that Austria would not follow the example Herr Hagnard in the Hungarian delegation declared confidence in the maintenance of peace

Made Home Howl suit Were

Rome, Feb 15—Ex Consul Jenkinsjohn arrived at Naples on the 13th yesterday and had a magnificent reception Salutes were fired and the shipping and city were gaily decorated with flags

DESERT AND WASTE LANDS

A BILL TO RENDER THEM PRODUCTIVE AND HABITABLE

Proposition to Bore Artesian Wells on the Plains & Arent to the Rocky Mountains.

A STRONG EFFORT BY THE GOVERNMENT

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE OREGONIAN.

Washington Feb 14—Senator Hill of Colorado has been out of Congress the senate in behalf of the public lands committee a very interesting report which has for part in advocacy of the passage of a bill looking to the reclamation of arid public lands by means of artesian wells The report briefly states that 800 000 000 acres of land are embraced in the arid region of the United States that not 10 per cent of this territory has been sold by the United States and that 8 millions should on years to come unless some means are found to supply it with water After deducting from this aggregate the number of acres of land susceptible of irrigation from mountain streams and other available sources for agriculture even if water were supplied to them because of their being broken and mountainous desolate 3 000 000 covered with lava deposits or consisting of barren drifting sand there remain says the report 500 000 000 acres of land of the great plains and valleys on part of which valuable crops could be raised if water were supplied for irrigation The report continues Many thousand acres have already been reclaimed by utilizing the waters of rivers and streams and spreading them over the land during the period of the growth of the crops but only a small portion of the supply of water which can be made available from these sources under the most favorable conditions probably not more than three per cent of the 500 000,000 acres can be reclaimed Of the remaining 485,000,000 acres are not, it is true, entirely valueless They are now and will be for a long time used more for pasturage lands but they can never to any great extent be used for this purpose The growth of grass is so scanty that it requires from 15 to 25 acres for the support of each head of cattle Many thousand acres are situated from 5 to 10 miles from living water and are thus unavailable even for pasturage. But little will ever be realized by the government from sale of these lands until it is demonstrated that water can be supplied by artesian wells In the state of Colorado alone on the great plains east of the Rocky mountains are 100 000 000 acres of land which if water is supplied if irrigated 20 to 30 bushels of wheat per acre It is in view of the fact which have been given that congress will be asked to appropriate $50,000 for boring artesian wells Private adventurers will not undertake the work which is of an experimental character, as the land is all owned by the government but let the government sell the land after water can be supplied in this way and private men will purchase the land of the government and wells will be bored by individuals and corporations and in time vast tracts of land will be reclaimed, thereby enabling it be found that artesian well water can be made available these lands from being the most barren on the continent will become the most attractive to farmers. Their crops would not be subject to the vicissitudes of rainfall and drought the chances of failure of crops would be greatly diminished, and the interest in agricultural pursuits in that section would be immensely stimulated. Although these lands are as unproductive as much of the land which has been sold it would be a matter of comparatively small cost to irrigate them, and in the states where the arid lands are situated, to aid in their reclamation. Had this been done there would have been no occasion for an appropriation for the purpose of boring artesian wells Thus aided the states and territories of the arid region would themselves have made thorough explorations for water

Senator Hill then gives some statistics as to the cost of boring deep wells, and remarks that some of the best geologists in the country have expressed the opinion that boring wells can be obtained in many localities on the plains east and west of the Rocky mountains He refers to official statements of the secretary of the interior that the report that the homestead and preemptive laws are not properly applicable to the lands of desert lands and to the recommendations of the commissioner of agriculture for the making of artesian wells by the government with a view to the reclamation of the arid lands He calls attention to the insignificance of the amount of the appropriation proposed in comparison with the magnitude of expected results and in conclusion takes ground that the bill under consideration is an experiment in the right direction and should receive the early sanction of congress

TAXING FOREIGN MORTGAGES

The following are extracts from an article in the *Banker's Magazine* for January This is a New York publication and a recognized authority on financial matters in the United States As they touch a subject recently referred to here, the extracts we make will doubtless be of interest to many

A prospectus has been issued in London of the "American Freehold Land Mortgage Company" The first issue is for 100 000 shares of £10 each so as to create a capital of £200 000 or $1 000 000 The number of shares is to be increased hereafter to 50 000

Many similar companies have been heretofore organized in Great Britain and have made and are still making large profits The Scottish American investment company and the Scottish-American Mortgage company, both established in 1874 have declared 10 per cent dividends besides accumulating reserves equal to one tenth to 17½ per cent and in the other case to 50 per cent, of the paid up capital The Dundee Oregon and Washington Trust company pays 8 per cent dividend and is accumulating large reserves and there are other British companies operating profitably in the field of loans upon landed property in the United States.

The American Freehold Land Mortgage Co proposes to do the very safe business of loaning only upon cultivated farms in the western states and of limiting their advances to 40 per cent of the cash value of the property, exclusive of the buildings so long as the same class of persons willing to borrow on American lands is large and so long as their desire to borrow is eager and urgent there is nothing to prevent the flow into that portion of a good deal of British capital So far as such flow reduces the rates of interest on such loans it is in some respects not to be deprecated Countries borrowing to a feeling of confidence in developing the possibility that the freehold property of the United States may be covered with mortgages to British subjects at high rates of interest and to the amount of hundreds of millions of dollars At any rate such a result ought not to be facilitated and hindered more probably by giving to foreign lenders an advantage over home lenders in respect to taxation It may be unhospitable to forbid British French or German capitalists coming here to lend money on our real estate but it is an unreasonable stretch of hospitality to give them any advantage over our own citizens in the matter of taxation nor is it wise to permit foreigners to employ their funds here under the protection of our laws and exempt them from burdens to any other form of taxes imposed upon Americans

It is certainly proper that if foreign loan companies plant themselves in this country or establish agencies here for the purpose of loaning mortgages on American freeholds they shall be made to contribute as much to the support of taxation for all purposes as American mortgagees are compelled to pay when the circumstances are the same

The exemption of United States bonds from state taxation has long been a subject always been a favorite topic of opposition but it is plain that so far as such taxation might not be evaded it would cause the transfer of the great mass of these bonds to foreigners. No statesman could afford to hold them under the actual enforcement of such taxation against the temptation of the prices which foreigners ex mpt from these taxes could afford to pay for them That reason alone is a sufficiently good one for the exemption of our own citizens from state and municipal taxation of those bonds as well as of federal stocks is and the same principle dictates that as between American and European investors in mortgages on American estates no advantage or a respective taxation should be given to the former Many reasons indeed would combine to make it much further than this and to maintain that liabilities of any kind to foreigners is a certain evil that it ought to be restrained by a dozen statutes against foreign capital

Hidden and Tammany

From the *Albany Journal*

The action of the Fifth ward state committee means no truce with Tammany In excluding the Tammany members and filling their places with the Hewitt committee proclaims that Tammany is to have no voice or part in the coming campaign Kelly and his associates have got a fight on their hands and the sooner they understand it and begin preparations for the coming contest

Prices at Dayton Eggs per dozen 20 cents butter per lb 25c cheese per lb 10 to 25c potatoes 100 lbs to $ on ons per lb 3c wheat per bushel 90c barley per cwt 50 to 60c oats per cwt 50 to 55

On account of the late rise in the price of paper the Chehalis Times has raised the price of subscription per year to $10

THE PACIFIC COAST

CALIFORNIA

Still on the Rounds

San Francisco Feb 15—Unemployed workingmen last night marched to the Bank St Mark and the committee interviewed Agent Williams from whom they received no direct satisfaction They then waited on several firms and companies but received no definite answer to their demands

Ore in Sight

Virginia Feb 15—Experts report from 8 to 10 feet of milling ore in the crosscut east of the 2300 foot level of the Sierra Nevada and 900 feet north of the incline winze and from the 2100 foot level is still in ore

A Strict Measure against the Chinese

Sacramento Feb 15—In the senate Logan's bill to confer power upon incorporated towns and cities to remove Chinese without the limits of such towns or to provide for their location within prescribed limits was called up and passed to its third reading and engrossment without further debate

Novel Method of Suicide.

Martin A Heavy a native of New York aged 45 committed suicide at the Gaillard Hotel last night by closing the windows and stuffing a handkerchief in the keyhole of the door to his room and turning on the gas He left a note showing death to be the result of deliberate intention but assigning no cause

A Plan for Aid.

The Irish societies disposed to celebrate St Patrick's day in the usual manner to day decided to charge admission to the literary exercises the proceeds to be remitted to the Irish Land League committee for the benefit of sufferers

WASHINGTON TERRITORY

Port Townsend Items--A Wreck

Port Townsend, Feb 14—The steamer *California* is still overdue

The barkentine *Laura R Burnham* or Burrard Inlet had to put in here for shelter this morning, being unable to reach the Royal Roads

A heavy wind came yesterday from the southeast changing to strong northwest this morning.

The schooner *Iolitha*, lumber laden, had to put back here twice owing to high wind and heavy swell in the straits

The schooner *Page*, which recently had to be run ashore near this place could not be towed off and is now being stripped of her rigging

Puget Sound Loggers to be Employed on Mendocken's Timber Contract.

Olympia, Feb 15—General McMicken who has a large contract for furnishing timbers and ties for the Pend d' Oreille division of the Northern Pacific railroad has contracted with twenty men who are first class loggers and river drivers to start from here to-morrow for east of the Cascades. The wages paid are from $3 to $5 per day The general himself will start in a few days for the scene of operations.

A New Industry.

Olympia will soon have in operation a tannery and glove factory giving constant employment to twenty or twenty-five men.

NEWS FROM THE NORTH

Severe Weather at Victoria---Fifty Thousand Cattle in Danger of Starvation.

[SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE OREGONIAN.]

Victoria Feb 15—The steamship *City of Chester* arrived last evening She reports tempestuous weather during the entire passage The weather has again turned blustery and cold

During a severe blow on Friday night, the cannship company's sheds at Esquimalt were leveled.

Nicolai Valley.

Albert Anderson, a young San Francisan who went to Nicolai valley in November for his health, died there on the 21st of January

Advices received from Nicolai valley, dated the 30th ult, state that the weather continues very severe and cattle are dying off rapidly A short time previous to the date of our information, a thaw accompanied by rain set in, but it was only of short duration, being followed by frost and a snow storm which lasted for three consecutive days As a rule, the supply of feed is altogether inadequate to the requirements of stock owners and it is feared that the loss of cattle will be very heavy A rough estimate places the number of cattle in the valley at 9000 Beak has over 2000 head on the Upper Nicolai, about three miles from Douglas Island and about the same number Gouchan has at least 2000 head, but is better off than his neighbors as regards fodder. Palmer has 700 head of sheep and will doubtless suffer severely. It is reported that the condition of affairs at Kamloops is even worse than at Nicolai The *Colonist* estimates the number of head of cattle in peril at 50,000 and says if worst fears are confirmed the province must draw largely for meat on Oregon & California for at least three years to come.

Real Estate at Victoria.

Alhambra Hall has been purchased for a market at a heavy advance on last year's price A great many new buildings are projected and some are already under way The outlook consequent on railway construction is very promising

THE NORTHWEST.

Eastern Oregon.

The *Inland Empire* thinks that Wasco county will show up a population of 7000

An Irish relief ball was given at the Dalles last week, resulting in a clean up of over $300

A Clear Creek correspondent states Although it is mid winter people are coming in every few days and locating land the most of them coming with a few hundred dollars good teams and outfits for farming To such, coming in for permanent stay we give a hearty welcome

Dalles *Inland Empire* The mortality among cattle in this county is less than one third of what it was last year at this season During the past week we have met parties from John Day valley Antelope and Bridge creek and we got the same information from all of them Nevertheless the area of twenty per cent greater than a year ago, and drovers are making no demand for steers, on account of their being unable as yet to stand any hard drives But if no heavy snow storms intervene between the present date and the last of March no serious losses will be sustained and the graziers will have no good cause to remember the cold winter of 1880 1881 John Pooley is now bringing in droves of large cattle from Yakima the finest beef of the season

Western Oregon.

R Mulholland druggist of Junction City has failed

Rev Mr Dreer was struck by a falling ladder near Lafayette a few days ago and sustained a painful hurt

Prices at McMinnville Wheat per bushel $1 08 flour per barrel $5 oats per bushel 35@40c potatoes per bushel 40 onions per pound 2c butter per pound 15@20c eggs per dozen 20c dressed hogs per lb 6@7c wool per pound 18@20c live hogs per pound 5c chickens grown per pair $3 25@3 50

Independence *Riverside* In traveling through the county one sees on every side the farmer busy as his plow turning up the rich black soil preparing to sow other large fields of wheat oats or barley The rain which effected the late sown grain has season has caused our farmers to turn their attention more particularly to fall wheat seeding and will probably submit all we say in another column of gold discoveries in our county

Southern Oregon

An effort is being made by the merchants and shippers of Coos Bay to have a board of local inspectors of hulls and boilers established at that port and to that end are circulating petitions which will be forwarded to congress The establishment of a board at Coos bay will meet with the approval of the board in this city who will be spared many long unpleasant trips

CONGRESSIONAL.

House

Washington Feb 14

The house met for prayer only and was addressed briefly by Rev Dr Hall the public debt He alluded to the necessity which had for so long a time caused the people to the capacity of which there appeared no bound or bottom

Finley addressed the house on pensions bounties He asserted that it would probably involve an expenditure of more than $20 000 000 instead of $8 000 000 as estimated by the secretary of the treasury

Hayes became the many phases of the financial question and hoped, for one session at least congress would cease all attempts to change or depreciate The people wanted no more changes and labored with the currency

Hayes objected to the bill to reciprocally treaty between Canada and United States

Myers objected to the bill introduced some time ago by himself for the

The Daily Oregonian.

MONDAY MORNING, FEB. 16, 1880.

SCHOOL MATTERS AGAIN.

Every close observer has taken note of the fact that under the modern tendency of the public school system the taxpayers have been losing control of the management, and that boards of directors have been coming, in no small degree, under direction of the organized corps of professors who have charge of the schools. (It may be remarked here that we have no schoolmasters now; they are all professors). A machinery has been built up which is so intricate and complicated that directors cannot take time to master its details or keep run of its additions. It is therefore left in great degree to the management of the specialists who created it. Under its operations the duty of imparting even the most elementary instructions has become one of the mysterious arts. And the work of acquiring the rudiments of learning has been surrounded by so imposing a display of labored and methodized superfluities that beginners on their part are confused by the difficulties which a redundant system, boasting of its simplicity, creates. As school dirs on don't know and can't be expected to know how to manage a system so complicated in its arrangement and parts, the direction of affairs falls gradually, and naturally, into the hands of the professors of the system. By them it is enlarged from time to time, as new notions are presented which may serve to render the machinery more complex and elaborate, the directors supposing it proper or perhaps necessary, and yielding ready assent. Whatever money is required to carry on the plan is called for with greatest confidence that it will be forthcoming, and the purse of the taxpayers is thus virtually at command of those who have created the system and who derive their support and profit from it. Then the book publishers have their interests to serve through all these various "improvements" wrought into our school system. It now costs three or four times as much to furnish children with books as it did a few years ago. There is a constant tendency, as if it were the result of a concerted purpose, to subdivide studies and require scholars to have a greater and increasing number of books; so that poor people find it extremely difficult to meet the constant demand, and even those who are not called poor do not fail to notice how expensive it is. In almost every state, and Oregon is not an exception, a state board of education has become a part of the system and helps to multiply its growing redundancies and requirements.

We have in Portland what we denominate free schools. But the ordinary definition of this term will hardly be satisfactory much longer to the taxpayers at whose charge the schools are maintained. Their cost has been growing at a rate which exceeds the increase of property valuations, so that higher and higher taxes are becoming necessary. At the next regular meeting the tax payers will have an exhibit of demands for the coming year, which will probably bring their eyes wide open with astonishment. There is but one way to check this increasing expenditure and growing extravagance, and that is to simplify the system and lop off its superfluities. It is a mistake to start and carry forward the whole body of scholars as if they were destined for the high school; for as the first place only a small part of them ever reach the high school, and in the next place the high school itself is part of the mistake. Higher education should not be free. It lays an unjust tax upon the public, since there is no more reason for maintaining the district high school at the public expense than there is for taxing the public to give those who desire it a complete university education and set them up in professions afterwards; and moreover, higher education, to be useful, must in nine cases out of ten be gained by one's individual exertions, since the effort necessary to gain it is a discipline which is itself the most valuable part of any education. It will usually be found that those who work their way through academy and college by their own exertions are the ones who will most surely succeed in the struggle with the world, while those who go through smoothly, have all their bills paid and meet no trouble about it, are almost sure to be graduated as drones and open out upon the world with little ability or disposition to help themselves. The public school system was intended to embrace only the common branches of instruction, and these should be taught with simplicity and thoroughness. In its plan there is no room for the complex scheme of "improvements" which makes a mystery of the acquisition of the simple elements of reading, writing and counting; which works teachers harder out of school hours in making up daily reports to a superintendent of petty details than in the actual duties of the school room; which assumes to teach a smattering of Latin, French, German, botany, trigonometry, etc., but cannot carry scholars far enough to render such studies of any real service to them; which creates a necessity of buying more books than can be of any proper use; and finally, which makes a heavy and constantly increasing burden of taxation, with no beneficial results to correspond with the pretensions of this wide departure from the old plan of simple and thorough common schools.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS.

It rarely happens that any man who is the real choice of his party for the presidency obtains the nomination therefor,—that is, if his party have strong assurance of being able to elect. The reason why this is so must be plain to every one who considers the method by which candidates are designated. Delegates to nominating conventions are usually politicians who have hopes and expectations. Hence they do not act with a view to representing the popular wish, but with a desire of securing such results as will afford themselves prospect of advantage and advancement. Both parties have men in different sections of the country who are prominent in leadership. Each of these leaders has his adherents in the respective conventions. The contest, as it nears an issue, becomes warm, and often bitter. It goes so far that the participants feel at last that if any one of the candidates whom they have been opposing should be successful, they would themselves be aliens and strangers to the coming administration. Benton, in his *Thirty Years' View*, describes the struggle in these conventions in this distinct and forcible way:

"The election of president has gone from the hands of the people—usurped by irresponsible and nearly self-constituted bodies—in which the selection becomes the result of a juggle, conducted by a few adroit managers, who baffle the nomination until they are able to govern it, and to substitute their own will for that of the people. Perhaps another example is not upon earth of a free people voluntarily relinquishing the elective franchise, in a case so great as that of electing their own chief magistrate, and becoming the passive followers of an irresponsible body—juggled, and baffled, and governed by a few dextrous contrivers, always looking to their own interest in the game which they play in putting down and putting up men.

Our theory of electing the president and vice president is that the several states shall appoint electors who are to vote as they think fit, without dictation or direction from any quarter. The party convention to make nominations and take away from electors the freedom of choice was unknown till the time of Jackson, under whom also parties were consolidated on the spoils system. Since that time the selection of presidents has been conducted in the manner described by Benton. And yet it is probable that the convention system, mere juggle as it is, is liable to fewer evils than the system it superseded would be, were it in force now. The "nomination" binds electors not legally, indeed, but in honor—to vote for certain persons whom conventions have designated. It must be admitted that the methods through which such designation is reached are usually those of intrigue, chicane, selfishness, and other unworthy and even corrupt motives. Yet this convention plan removes the danger of worse corruption, through which, in these times, the popular voice not only would be baffled, but the chief magistracy would in almost every case become the prize of the man who had the greatest resources of intrigue and corruption; in other words, of the man who could pay most for electors and who had most skill and adroitness in doing it. What a man like Tilden could do under such circumstances, were electors not bound by the action of conventions in a way that renders it most difficult or even impossible for them to prove perfidious and sell their trust, may be gathered from the revelation made by the cipher dispatches. The convention system is open to all the objections described by Benton, and more; and yet it is far easier to point out objections in any existing part of the system of popular government than to suggest any method of sure and satisfactory amendment.

FOREIGN TRADE OF THE UNITED STATES.

The bureau of statistics of the United States has published a summary statement of the exports and imports of this country during the first eleven months of 1879. As compared with the corresponding period of 1878 there is an increase of $53,700,107 in the value of the merchandise imported, and an increase of $18,023,538 in the gold value of the exports of domestic merchandise. The increase in imports is made up chiefly of additions to the value of the coffee, tea, chemicals, hides, crude India rubber and gutta percha, manufactured cottons, linens, woolens, silk goods, tin plates, leather, and manufactures of iron and steel imported. The increase in the value of the imports of pig iron and old scrap iron was specially noticeable. The most important increase in the value of the exports was in connection with wheat and wheat flour, the exports of wheat increasing from 99,708,256 bushels, valued at $114,983,-835, during the first eleven months of 1878 to 138 606,010 bushels, valued at $158,563,846, during the first eleven months of 1879; and there was a contemporaneous increase from $25,134,150 to $30,134,112 in the value of the exports of wheat flour.

It is said that *Whitaker's Almanac* is among the most reliable of English statistical authorities. It states that the British empire at the beginning of the present year was nine million square miles. One third of this territory is in North America; another third in Australia; and one-sixth in India. The remaining sixth is divided among the various settlements in Africa, Guinea, the West Indies, and Great Britain and Ireland. The area of the latter is 121,115 square miles, or one seventy-fourth of the whole extent of the empire. The population is 287 millions, or nearly one quarter of the inhabitants on the globe. One-half of the British population is in India, and only one-ninth of it is in Great Britain and Ireland.

Publication of General Hood's memoirs, to which reference was made in these columns some days ago, has been hastened by the necessity of making provision for the support of ten orphan children, left destitute in consequence of the general having lost his fortune "just before his death by an "unfortunate investment." It is now to be explained that the "unfortunate investment" was the purchase of $130,000 of the state bonds of Louisiana, which the democratic party of that state repudiated a few weeks previous to General Hood's death.

Ex-Senator Barnum, chairman of the democratic national committee, though not overfriendly to Tilden, is reported as saying that Tilden is the strongest man that can be named by his party, and that he will receive the nomination. He thinks Thurman is out of the race; also Seymour, because he will not consent to have his name used; and that Bayard cannot be nominated, because the west will not support him. He also thinks that the Tammany troubles will all be reconciled in the national campaign.

With the New York *Mail*, in its views on Grant's candidacy, THE OREGONIAN fully agrees. That is to say, if this country has got into such a hopeless plight that only one man can save it, let us bravely face the situation, acknowledge the experiment of self-government is a failure and make that man a dictator for life with absolute powers. A man elected president on the theory now put forth in behalf of Gen. Grant would have ample justification for seizing all the power he could and keeping it as long as he could.

In the republican convention of Pennsylvania there were many delegates who were Blaine men, but who voted to instruct for Grant. The explanation is that they were looking out for a political or official future for themselves, and therefore "could not afford to oppose the wishes of Senator Cameron."

If General Grant is not nominated for the presidency this year, the third term question will probably never figure in our politics again. If settled adversely to his nomination now, it will doubtless be accepted as a permanent settlement on that point.

Republicans of New York will hold their state convention on the 25th of the present month, for the purpose of electing delegates to the national convention at Chicago. Great interest will be taken in its action, in all parts of the country.

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JOSEPH BACHMAN,

Treasurer City of Portland.

Portland, Feb. 9, 1880.

Attention is called to the following extract from Ordinance No. 1114:

All taxes, licenses, assessments for street improvements, etc., etc., * * * * * and all moneys arising from any other source belonging and payable in or into the City Treasury, shall hereafter be paid in gold coin of the United States of America, and not otherwise; *provided*, that sums not exceeding five dollars ($5) may be paid in silver coin. f4tim

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Two First Prizes for best sustained Gents and Ladies' Characters.

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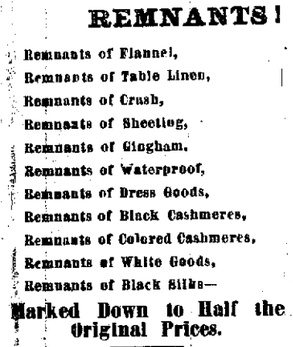

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We are requested to sell on the premises, No. 265 Fifth street, corner of Madison, on

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The Furniture and Fixture of residence comprising in part

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75 yds Brussels Carpet, almost new.
1 Fine Parlor Suit comprising 7 pieces.
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7 Fine Pictures, Brackets, Vases, etc.
1 Lounge, Finely upholstered.
5 Easy Chairs, assorted in Walnut, Lambrequins, Curtains Cornices,

ALSO,

DINING ROOM FURNITURE,

1 Walnut Extension Table,
6 Dining Chairs.
1 Walnut Sideboard, marble top.
Crockery, Glassware, Cutlery, etc,

ALSO,

BEDROOM FURNITURE:

1 Walnut Bedroom Suit, complete,
1 Cottage bedroom Suit, complete,
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MESSRS. COMSTOCK & PFLUGER—

Gentlemen: After thoroughly examining your stock, I have decided to offer you fifty cents on the dollar of the wholesale cost for that portion of your stock appertaining to gentlemen's outfitting.

Yours, respectfully, D. WILSON.

REPLY.

PORTLAND, Jan. 23, 1880.

MR. D. WILSON—

Dear Sir: We cannot accept your offer of 50 cts. on the dollar, but will sell all goods appertaining to gents' outfitting, together with what ladies and children's shoes we have on hand, for ——— thousand dollars—equal to about 56 cents on the dollar.

Yours, respectfully, COMSTOCK & PFLUGER.

This stock, consisting of nearly $10,000 worth of

MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING, FURNISHING GOODS, HATS & CAPS, Boots & Shoes,

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THE UNDERSIGNED, WITH A VIEW TO retiring their present business, offer for sale both of their Three-Run Flour Mills and 320 acres of Land. The Mill is now on the switch of the O. & C. R. R., in a good wheat county, contains three runs of stones and is in good repair. The Land is well timbered and fenced, and has a comfortable dwelling house and barn thereon. Also, the Amsville Mill is four miles from the proposed line of O. C. S. P. Road, and is well adapted for getting wheat, but there is now no steam power in the county, and, but one other house in the State, with 15 acres of land. Both mills are in good running order, and have a large custom trade. The farm is situated close to Amsville, with two good houses and barns &c. One hundred acres is under cultivation, and the balance is timber. The Mill creek runs through the farm, affording a desirable place for dairying as well as farming. The whole or any one parcel will be sold together, and if not sold at private sale will be offered at public sale on the premises on that day at Turner, Or., on the 17th day of March. If you want a cheap and good farm, call and see us before purchasing elsewhere, as we are determined to sell. Terms will be liberal. All of the above statements can be proven by the undersigned, who can be found at the Mill, or by addressing them at Turner, Or. Possession will be given. Any particulars can be had by addressing M. COCKERLIN & CO., Turner, Or. j23d1m

SPECIAL NOTICES.

NOTICE.

ALL UNPAID ACCOUNTS DUE THE firm of Dyer & Roemer, contracted prior to Feb. 1st, 1880, are left with Thompson, DeHart & Co., 70 First st., Portland, Or. Feb 13, 1880. f14tim JOE ROEMER.

R. P. BOWELL,

WILL BE IN WASHINGTON CITY from the 1st of April, 1880, to the present session of Congress. Any business entrusted to his care will receive prompt attention. 12d

$100 REWARD.

FOR THE BODY OF WM. DAVIS, (Known as "Big Bill," who was drowned on the 7th of December, 1879, while in company with Nickum & Barlow, on the scow "Gem," at the quarries about five miles above the White House, by a heavy rock falling on his feet, striking him in the breast, throwing him overboard and drowning him. Said deceased son was about 6 feet 6½ inches high, about 200 pounds; moustache and chin whiskers; full beard about two weeks growth; when last seen was dressed in a red flannel drawers and shirt, blue overalls, dark oilskin coat (short) and hat. For information apply at this office. 1j

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MORNING FEB 18 1 0

The office is now connected with systems. We will consider in possession of items if news will from Th ofice will be sent in

FATHER PROBABILITIES

FEB — 9 A M — Northern coast region fairly weather and for South Pacific region partly and light rain

CITY.

WILLIAMS IN IM — Reader of THE OREGONIAN will remember the circumstances of the discharge of Jack Williams last week, the wounded underneath of his rearrest on a charge of carrying a man named Luttrell assaulted near Park street Luttrell had gone away from the city and could not be found at the time of the rearrest Williams paper making inquiries could not be found whereabouts and asking him to return Portland This notice was observed by Luttrell, who was somewhere up the city Meantime a strong effort was Williams attorney to procure the discharge Saturday was the 30th day after the rearrest and as Luttrell the prosecuting witness could not be found, a motion was made to police court to discharge the defendant Judge Stearns allowed the motion and Williams was again at liberty Before he could leave the court room, however Deputy Sheriff Caples came in with Chief Hunt and ordered the latter to immediately place Williams under arrest It seems that Luttrell the prosecuting witness had threatened Williams, and telegraphed Mr Caples that he was on his way to Portland On the strength of this information the district attorney swore out a warrant for Justice Hayes and had Williams apprehended Luttrell arrived in the city Saturday evening and will be present to testify against the man who stabbed him Williams is in custody and will have a preliminary hearing before justice Wiley this afternoon at 4 o clock There is scarcely a doubt but that Williams will be convicted and receive condign punishment for his crime The receipt of this news that Luttrell was coming was certainly very timely; for if an opportunity had been afforded Williams, he would have shaken Portland dust from his soles with alacrity

RAILROAD OPERATIONS —Work on the line of the rail road between Lehlo and Wallula is progressing, but the force will be quadrupled within a very short time Mr Frank A Tayler, of Walla Walla, has received the contract to board the hands engaged on the work He has established one camp about one mile above Pasco, where a force of one hundred and twenty men are engaged in blasting and grading Four other camps have been established immediately Two will be nearly opposite Columbus, and the other two about twenty miles below Wallula The Chinese contracted for have not yet arrived and the only force at work is the one mentioned above A full force will be put on as soon as preparations for boarding are made and the work will boom right along toward completion with all possible speed

SNEAKING AMONG THIEVES —From the following paragraph, which appeared in one of the San Francisco exchanges it would seem that some Webfooter has been victimized "Della Wilson, who is now in jail on a charge of robbing a stranger from Oregon while he was several times tried to get out by the screw ball, has at last had a hearing before the coroner Judge Dangerfield presiding gave an opinion late on Monday that the corpus before Judge Dangerfield gave an opinion late on Monday that there was no evidence to show that the girl came to her death by violence or foul means The case was then submitted to the jury, who after being out about an hour returned a verdict in accordance with the opinion of the coroner Bail was then fixed at $5,000, which was promptly furnished by the prisoner's friends, and she was released from custody" The *Herald* has said from the beginning that the girl came to her death by violence or foul means

Several deaths will be reported to-day in the state report for the week ending Saturday night Temperature generally demoralized some of the telephone wires

If there ever was a time in the history of this country when rubber overshoes were in fault it is now

Pruners and gardeners are reminded that no surplus twigs are allowed to be left on the keen edge of the knife

It is not at all out of the way that a real active and effective society for the prevention of cruelty to animals be organized in Portland

A man named Parker working on the Howards place on Columbia slough had a rib broken last week while chopping wood

The two year old daughter of Captain James Wilson of Portland fell last week and sustained a fracture of the arm above the elbow

The Chinese did not celebrate their new year as noisily as usual The fire cracker and bomb ordinance somewhat interfered with their demonstrations

Short skirts are now worn for dancing dresses and the gentlemen are no onger obliged to wait for the ladies to slide track their trains before they can pass

We only wish that the fellow who wrote B S had to join the chain gang and help clean up the sidewalks Key to above joak will be furnished gratis on applicat on at this office

Leap year is leap year and of the times and seasons for marrying it is necessary to choose not only the man but the hour, not alone the season but the day Here is the rule

Monday for wealth
Tuesday for health
Wednesday the best day of all,
Thursday for crosses
Friday for losses
Saturday no luck at all

Oh ho the beautiful snow
Soft as musk and white as a crow
Hurry, darling, stop slipping about
Sometimes inside your trousers
And sometimes out
Beautiful snow soft as a dream
Soft as cotton and cold as cream
Beautiful snow but harder than ice
When taken on the snoot, feels oh so nice

AMUSEMENTS

MARBLE HEART —To night, the beautiful play will occupy the boards at New Market theater Mr Barton Hill, who arrived on the *Elder* under engagement of Manager Maguire will make his first appearance before a Portland public this evening, in his great impersonation of Raphael Duchatel Competent critics agree that in the character of the dreamy, love-sick boy sculptor, Mr Hill has few equals and no superiors on the American stage He is in addition to being a polished and finished actor a gentleman of scholarship and literary culture Since 1873 Mr Hill has been manager of the California theater, and for years held the position of stock star Prior to his arrival in San Francisco, he played several star engagements in the east. Mr Hill is a careful, conscientious actor of sterling qualities and an ornament to the profession of his adoption 'Marble Heart' has been carefully rehearsed and will be produced with every attention to the cast of characters and scenic effect Mr Hill will be supported by the entire strength of the company The following is the cast

"Mons Valage, George D Chapin "Mons Veaudove," John S Lindsay, Chorteaux Margaux," William Simms "Fredrick, Charles Allen; "Marco," Miss Annie Adams, "Marie," Bertie Granville "Madame Deschenbach," Miss Belle Douglas "Cecentius Miss Jone Cameron 'Theodora' McLennan, 'Thec' Miss Edgar A reference to the advertising columns shows a change of programme every evening this week. The following is the repertoire To-night, 'Marble Heart;' Tuesday evening "Othello" Wednesday 'Rosedale' Thursday 'Lost in London' Friday, 'Our Boys' Saturday, matinee, to be selected Saturday evening 'The Lancashire Lass." Mr George Chaplin will support Mr Hill during this engagement making altogether the strongest company that has appeared here for years

THE LASS O' LOWRIE'S —The dramatization of Mrs Burnett's well known novel drew a moderate house at New Market Saturday night The plot is closely followed and the interest not a lowed to abate until the fall of the curtain on the last act Mr Chaplin as Dan Lowrie, was up to his high standard The 'Joan Lowrie' of Miss Adams was a spirited, finished personation, and won for her many rounds of applause Miss Edgar as "odd owner of the dog Nip," made quite a hit and created no little merriment We are pleased to note a marked improvement in the acting of Mr McConnell in the various parts for which he has been cast during the past two weeks

ESTHER.—A treat is offered to the music loving portion of our community in the way of a dramatic recital Wednesday evening the 25th inst, by one hundred children of the Hebrew sabbath school The performance will take place at New Market Theater which has been kindly tendered by Manager Maguire The entertainment will consist of several magnificent tableaux and a number of choruses—several original and several from the cantatas of Esther and Belshazzar—under the direction of Mr W H Kinross

THE TURNER'S MASQUERADE.

The masquerade ball under the auspices of the Turn Verein at their hall to night promises to be the event of the season The hall has been handsomely decorated and the seats so arranged that all spectators will have a good view of the dancers The demand for spectators' tickets has been large but a few desirable seats can be reserved at Allen & Hegele's The committee of arrangements have secured the services of two bands a cornet band to play for the maskers until 12 o'clock, and a string orchestra after that hour They will agree to pass to make the entertainment enjoyable to all who attend The following is the list of prizes offered

For best sustained lady's character—an elegant toilet set

For best sustained gentleman's character—a handsome silver pitcher with goblet

For lady's most elegant costume—lady's work basket

For best gentleman's costume—a fine album

To the Ladies

Mrs M A Wiune will depart for San Francisco on the next trip of the steamer *Elder* to make purchases for The Ladies Emporium 149 Front street Orders for every description of material or fancy articles for the ladies will be carefully attended to

All kinds sewing machine needles to arrive at Barbey's 32 Yamhill street.

OYSTERS —Eastern oysters by every steamer at Keith's corner First and Oak streets

Peter Wilhelm reigns supreme at the Commercial in Astoria Call and see him

Ready Made Wrappers $1 50 and stylish dresses at reasonable prices at the European Dress Making establishment 151 Third st

If you want a hack carriage or horse just telephone Corbett's stable corner of Second and Taylor streets and your order will be promptly filled

SIMON ABRAHAM,

Late with Gunbert & Bechner has opened a new harbor shop at 100 First street opposite Ladd & Tilton's

The Steinway Piano leads the world The agency at Barlsch's Music store 115 First st ecel

$30—The White Sewing Machine best in the world S M Barr 115 First street

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LETTER FROM WASHINGTON CITY.

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE OF THE OREGONIAN

THE POLITICAL OUTLOOK—REPUBLICAN

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2 1880

TO THE EDITOR OF THE OREGONIAN:

Be it understood that these hurried notes do not always express either my wishes or my beliefs, but mainly my observations based on what they say here in this political aspect.

I met Geo. C. Gorham, late secretary of the senate and of the republican congressional committee, who is now the Washington correspondent for the San Francisco *Chronicle*. He is well posted in the Grant and Conkling movements. He says he has no doubt that Grant will be nominated, but admits that a contest will be necessary to secure the nomination, and says as such contest will be made; not by Grant but by his friends, it will not detract from the general's dignity, popularity or prestige.

It is still asserted that Grant at a proper moment will decline. As it was unfortunate for the general that he did not refuse in 1876 to be a candidate until every one saw that he had an equal chance of success; so now it will be equally unfortunate for him to have his declination stigmatized as an illustration of sour grapes.

The idea of Don Cameron, a man of quite ordinary abilities, influential only on account of his wealth and control of a political machine carrying the great state of Pennsylvania in his pocket, awakens profound disgust in the minds of many citizens of that commonwealth.

As Grant's stock declines, Blaine's stock rises, but not in the same proportion, for Sherman, working through official patronage, will be Grant's heir in the south, which portion has never forgiven Blaine for throwing obstacles in the way of the "Force bill" in the forty-fourth congress. New York exhibits but few cases of enthusiasm for Blaine. At first Conkling favored the proposed selection of presidential electors by congressional districts, but he now sees what was patent to every thoughtful man, that that plan loosens his hand upon the throat of his party in that state, and hence he will oppose it.

A careful study of the election returns of the past eighty years, leads me to revise my views of last week. There are, in New York, 16 certain republican, 11 certain democratic and 6 doubtful districts. If the new plan be adopted, the republicans will make sure of the struggle in the cities of New York and Brooklyn, so four of those doubtful districts will be carried by the democracy, who will also secure the two electors at large. This will give that party 17 votes. The other two doubtful districts ought to go Republican, but as one of them is the Oneida district, including Utica, it will be lost to Grant if our nominee be not acceptable to Lord Roscoe. This will leave one more doubtful district and three others, which might be described by money, but which, without overwhelming corruption are republican reasonably united, in a reasonably honest manner, we can quite safely count on 18 votes—probably on 19 in New York—but we may not obtain more than 14. It is best to look the matter fully in the face. Democratic power and fraud and bribery, aided by Democratic party, conveys his triumph, but will not allow any one else to succeed. Next to his elevation to the presidency by the democracy, his pride will be gratified in the defeat of his party, for that defeat will seem to prove its unfitness to be a democratic necessity.

Should he succeeded in electing 3 of his states, Florida in an honest campaign, would be ours, as there the concentration of bulldozing, negro ballots and money will sweep away its small majority.

In the last *Harper's Weekly*, Geo. Wm. Curtis says that Horatio Seymour is the best and most available candidate for the democracy, and significantly adds that thousands of liberal, independents and republicans will vote for him in preference to some republicans mentioned for the high office. Under the present system of choosing electors, 20,000 Curtis men could defeat the nomination, but not so under the new plan. Under the present plan, we have these two conflicting facts. The few Curtis men can defeat the republican nominee, and republican success in 1880 in New York must be achieved under the leadership of Morton, Conkling & Co.

Conkling missed his grand opportunity in 1876, when defeated in the Cincinnati convention, where he had not the ghost of a chance, and he, like Morton, gone to his seat in the senate, to get in line of battle, and thereafter that man who loved him more than the presidency, he would now be the pre-ordained president of the United States. He may have that stick, but not half so sick as Morton's if he had been carried over the state in the white plume of Henry of Navarre would be his, and he would now divide with Blaine the enthusiastic love of the young men of the country, but to be formed to supplement the leadership of Cornell, who was then chairman of the republican state convention. *Herald* printed as to victory in *New York* in 1876. Getting will marvellously soon after the election, and then sulked because he was not trusted with a place on the electoral commission. Now when the crucial test on the Louisiana case comes on, his anticipated treachery caused the cowardly phase of shutting himself up in his committee room. And now, some of his friends think Grant's withdrawal may result in Conkling's nomination. Take care, say I, that that. There is but one lower house democratic control of the general government.

Of course, Washburne is not a candidate while Grant is in the field, but his preparations for securing the republican nomination for governor of Illinois has but one objective point—the presidency. But he is not Conkling's choice. Will not this mighty colossus forthwith desire to announce his views and act upon whom he will be graciously pleased to smile?

THE POLITICAL OUTLOOK—DEMOCRATIC

Neither is the democratic party without its plot. Among our opponents, I find few for Tilden men. There are thousands who are for the nominee, thousands who are for Tilden, thousands who never tell their love, like the sage of Gramercy Park; but the only one with any open and decided following, as Col. Finley, his chief bugleman asks "what are they going to do without the old man?" He would put it stronger: "What are they going to do *with* the old man?" Since Tilden's letter to Wells, I have never heard for the democratic party, nor it for him. The bond of union is simply one of cold selfishness. He sits in Cipher Alley, and whispers, "I am the only one of your party that ever carries New York. I am your great necessity," and a faint whisper thrilling and electrifying